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In response to the Nov. 10 letter entitled Whining on her keyboard , I have these comments.

I am glad to see I have spured a member of the TG community to take an interest in our issues and stand up to be heard. The TG community is made up of people from every color, every imaginable backgrounds and parts of society. All with opinions differing to such a [illegible] that " NO one TG leadership can represent the opinions or agendas of such a diverse [illegible] In Colorado there are not hundreds, but thousands of people belonging to the TG [illegible]y. GIC of Colorado being comprised of only a few clicks of the TG [illegible]ly with about [illegible] members, can hardly claim to be TG leadership. Nor can the [illegible] not endorse candidates, but can take a stand on issues, and sh[illegible]ned Ammendment #2.

Who has the TG community been entrusting leadership to ? A group of Texas attourneys lead by [illegible]is Randolph Frye which comprise the organization called Inter[illegible]l Conferen[illegible]on Transgender Law and Employment Policy INC. or ICTLEP [illegible] created a Transgender Bill of Rights that is a work of art. I have strongly [illegible] this document and have spent alot of money and time promoting it.

The ICTLEP has also created a doctors Standards of Care for Transsexuals [illegible]SOC. This document in trying to include all the subgroups of the TG community places unreasonable and impractical demands on medical doctors, surgeons, and the [illegible] practice industry. The waiver of liability that we sort sue doctors contained in the [illegible]SOC has no chance of protecting a doctor in a law suit. The ICTLEP has lost all credibility for being honest and reasonable within the medical community.

ICTLEP and other attourneys have been trying for years to resolve our issues and have made little or no progress. I applaud their efforts . The fact is that in the past decade nothing has changed for the good, except surgery. It is increasingly more difficult to obtain hormones or medical treatment for TG's. Nationally known surgeons have had to contact me in hopes of finding a doctor to prescribe hormones to their patients without following our current SOC. In combating this problem and being an expert in the mental behaviors of the TG community, I created a questionaire for medical doctors that has educated and made them feel more confident in their decissions.It has helped open the door for TS medical care.

Ten years have gone by and M-F TG inmates are still frequently housed within the mens correctional facilities and their hormones taken away. Many have become so feminine on hormones they are placed in great physical danger when housed with men and are often raped. ICTLEP's policy for imprisoned TG's is great, but is rarely considered or used [illegible] no one has bothered to convince officials why we should be segregated [illegible] the first [illegible] In the past year I have been successful in convincing corrections officials in several [illegible] to move TG inmates in mens facilities to segregated housing as the inmate requested.

Why has ICTLEP and our TG activists so far failed in resolving our issues ? Why does a community of people who faced the worst of repercussions from Ammendment #2 still fail to unite in coalition with the Gay community to fight our oppressors . Think about this as the ICTLEP and TG activists continue to run through the streets like the man in the Arby's commercial shouting "Where is everybody".
Until things get better I must resolve myself to continue " Whining on my keyboard". As my grandmother used to say " The squeeky wheel gets the grease "!

Sincerely *Christy Hopping*

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